



**CRESTONE PEAK**  
RESOURCES

# Removing and Reclaiming Wells

## FACT SHEET

Crestone is committed to reducing the temporary potential impacts of its operations, even after wells are done producing, as part of its efforts to act as good stewards for the land, air and nearby communities.



### What is removing and reclaiming?

Once a well reaches the end of its life and is no longer economically producing oil and natural gas, Crestone plugs it to the engineering standard mandated by the State and restores the land to its original condition.

### How does removing a well work?

First, Crestone submits a plan to the COGCC and in some instances, local regulatory authorities, outlining its plan for turning off the well and restoring the land to its original condition. Upon approval, Crestone will inform local municipalities, surrounding communities and surface and mineral owners.

### **Then, Crestone follows a five-step process to close in the wells:**

- 1. Plug the Well:** Wells are plugged by pumping cement into the wellbores, or drilled holes, to cover zones producing oil and gas and to isolate groundwater.
- 2. Equipment Removal:** Surface equipment no longer in service and the well head are removed.
- 3. Sealing the Wellbore:** The remaining portion of the well is typically cut at least four feet below the surface and a seal is welded to the top of the plugged wellbore.
- 4. State Certification:** Crestone submits a report to regulatory authorities certifying the wellbore has been plugged according to the approved plan.
- 5. Reclaiming the Site:** Each location is different, but Crestone works with landowners or according to operator agreements and/or regulatory standards to return the land to its original condition, like reseeding vegetation.



Removing and reclaiming well sites in a safe, responsible and efficient way is a priority for Crestone because, as Coloradans living and working in this state, they value the land, water and air.